

Amendments to the Claims

These claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method of providing conditional access to a data content item (304) for a number of users (302),
comprising:

where associating the data content item (304) ~~is associated~~ with a digital right (303), the digital right (303) providing any user (301) of a group of users (302) the right to access the data content item (304) a predetermined number of times, and where the data content item (304) is arranged in a number of subparts (310) and the digital right (303) is arranged in a number of sub-rights (100), initially designated as available sub-rights (101), each available sub-right (101) providing any user (301) of the group of users (302) the right to access a subpart (310) of the data content item (304), ~~and wherein the method comprises the steps of:~~

[[-]] granting a user (301) of the group of users (302) access to the data content item (304) if the associated digital right (303) or the available ~~sub-right(s) (101)~~ sub-right allows this, and
[[-]] reserving a number of available sub-rights (101), resulting in a number of reserved sub-rights (102), when a user (301) of the

group of users (302) initiates granted access to the data content item (304) as a new access session.

2. (currently amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 1, characterized in that the step of reserving a number of available sub-rights (101) comprises reservation of a number of sub-rights (101) that is required to access the complete content item once if there are sufficiently many available sub-rights (101).

3. (currently amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~claims 1—~~
2claim 1, characterized in that the method further comprises
[[-]] consuming one available sub-right (101) or a reserved sub-right (102) when a sub-part (310) is accessed by a user (301) of the group of users (302) resulting in a spent sub-right (103) that no longer is available.

4. (currently amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~claims 1—~~
3claim 1, characterized in that a specific available sub-right (101) only allows access to a specific sub-part (310) of the data content item (304), or that a specific available sub-right (101) allows access to any sub-part (310) of the data content item (304).

5. (currently amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~claims 1—~~
~~4~~claim 1, characterized in that the step of reserving a number of
available sub-rights (101) comprises

[[-]] reserving the number of sub-rights (101) so that only the
user that initiated granted access to the data content item (304)
is able to continue access to the data content item (304) using
reserved sub-rights (102), or reserving the number of sub-rights
(101) so that all the users belonging to the group comprising the
user that initiated granted access to the data content item (304)
is able to continue access to the data content item (304) using
reserved sub-rights (102).

6. (currently amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~claims 1—~~
~~5~~claim 1, characterized in that the step of reserving a number of
available sub-rights (101) is only done when the user (301) that
initiated granted access is expected to complete access to
substantially all of the data content item (304).

7. (currently amended) [[A]] The method according to ~~claims 1—~~
~~6~~claim 1, characterized in that the method further comprises the
~~step of~~ canceling, by a user, the reservation of a number of
reserved sub-rights (102) thereby freeing sub-rights (100)
resulting a number of available sub-rights (101) for the group of

users (302), where only the user that initiated granted access to the content item (304) is allowed to cancel or where all the users belonging to the group comprising the user that initiated granted access to the data content item (304) is allowed to cancel.

8. (currently amended) A conditional access system (300) for providing conditional access to a data content item (304) for a number of users (302), comprising:

~~where~~ the data content item (304) ~~is~~ being associated with a digital right (303), the digital right (303) providing any user (301) of a group of users (302) the right to access the data content item (304) a predetermined number of times, and where the data content item (304) is arranged in a number of subparts (310) and the digital right (303) is arranged in a number of sub-rights (100), initially designated as available sub-rights (101), each available sub-right (101) providing any user (301) of the group of users (302) the right to access a subpart (310) of the data content item (304), ~~and wherein the system comprises:~~

[[-]] means (311) for granting a user (301) of the group of users (302) access to the data content item (304) if the associated digital right (303) or the available sub-right(s) (101) allows this, and

[[-]] means (311) for reserving a number of available sub-rights (101), resulting in a number of reserved sub-rights (102), when a user (301) of the group of users (302) initiates granted access to the data content item (304) as a new access session.

9. (currently amended) [[A]] The system according to claim 8, characterized in that the means (311) for reserving a number of available sub-rights (101) is adapted to reserve of a number of sub-rights (101) that is required to access the complete content item once if there are sufficiently many available sub-rights (101).

10. (currently amended) [[A]] The system according to ~~claims 8—~~
~~9~~claim 8, characterized in that the system further comprises
[[-]] means (311) for consuming one available sub-right (101) or a reserved sub-right (102) when a sub-part (310) is accessed by a user (301) of the group of users (302) resulting in a spent sub-right (103) that no longer is available.

11. (currently amended) [[A]] The system according to ~~claims 8—~~
~~10~~claim 8, characterized in that a specific available sub-right (101) only allows access to a specific sub-part (310) of the data

content item (304), or that a specific available sub-right (101) allows access to any sub-part (310) of the data content item (304).

12. (currently amended) [[A]] The system according to ~~claims 8—~~
~~11~~claim 8, characterized in that the means (311) for reserving a
number of available sub-rights (101) is adapted to
[[-]] reserve the number of sub-rights (101) so that only the user
that initiated granted access to the data content item (304) is
able to continue access to the data content item (304) using
reserved sub-rights (102), or
[[-]] reserve the number of sub-rights (101) so that all the users
belonging to the group comprising the user that initiated granted
access to the data content item (304) is able to continue access to
the data content item (304) using reserved sub-rights (102).

13. (currently amended) [[A]] The system according to ~~claims 8—~~
~~12~~claim 8, characterized in that reserving a number of available
sub-rights (101) is only done when the user (301) that initiated
granted access is expected to complete access to substantially all
of the data content item (304).

14. (currently amended) [[A]] The system according to ~~claims 8—~~
~~13~~claim 8, characterized in that the system further comprises

[[-]] means (311) for canceling, by a user, the reservation of a number of reserved sub-rights (102) thereby freeing sub-rights (100) resulting a number of available sub-rights (101) for the group of users (302), where only the user that initiated granted access to the content item (304) is allowed to cancel or where all the users belonging to the group comprising the user that initiated granted access to the data content item (304) is allowed to cancel.

15. (currently amended) A computer readable medium having stored thereon instructions for causing one or more processing units to execute ~~the method according to any one of claims 1 — 7~~ actions comprising:

associating the data content item with a digital right, the digital right providing any user of a group of users the right to access the data content item a predetermined number of times, and where the data content item is arranged in a number of subparts and the digital right is arranged in a number of sub-rights, initially designated as available sub-rights, each available sub-right providing any user of the group of users the right to access a subpart of the data content item;

granting a user of the group of users access to the data content item if the associated digital right or the available sub-right allows; and

reserving a number of available sub-rights, resulting in a
number of reserved sub-rights, when a user of the group of users
initiates granted access to the data content item as a new access
session.